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Program and Budget Office

TACSATCOM II Committee Representative

SUBJECT:

Representation to the MILSAT Executive Committee

1. As a result of the guidance eminating from the recent TACSATCOM II and DCA MILSATCOM architecture briefings to Drs. Dinneen and Van Trees and a no funding decision on a dedicated strategic communications systems (SSS), Dr. Van Trees has directed the entire MILSATCOM architecture to be reviewed. The review is to examine a wide range of architectural options including the TACSATCOM II concept. A TACSATCOM II Steering Group representative will be a member of the architectural review group to take advantage of the work already accomplished. (The NSA representative presently is performing this function since the MILSATCOM Steering Group really started in September). The assignment of a CIA member to the MILSATCOM Steering Group as per Dr. Van Trees attached memorandum, will give representation to both of the major intelligence users.

2. In addition to the CIA and NSA representative for the Executive Committee requested by the memorandum, an Intelligence Community member also should be proposed. The timeframe involved, 1981-2000, and the potential modular approach to upgrading the total DoD communications capabilities would indicate there will be difficulties in accommodating all the users' potential communication requirements. As more military and Intelligence Community requirements surface and as alternatives are established to merge subsets of intelligence and military missions on accommodating satellites, an IC Staff representative could assure that appropriate considerations and priority is afforded all intelligence requirements.

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3. DDS&T recipients of the at*ached memorandum are suggesting nominees for the Executive Council and the MILSATCOM Steering Group to Mr. Dirkes for a CIA response signed by the DCI. You may wish to give him a call and propose a single DCI reply sponsored by RM and DDS&T. In addition, I believe our participation should be joint with CT since review and priorization of

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5X1	4. I understand the representative level from the JCS and Services will be at the two or three-star level. I would suggest that either RMS, or CT be the principle member with the other as an alternate if one is desired. I can serve as back-up to either or both keeping informed through the TACSATCOM Panel and either through observer status at the MILSATCOM Steering Paenl meeting or regular visits to the DCA people.	25X1
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